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#### DARE NOT DO IT.

"The Republicans dare not name their clubs by their proper name. While working to perpetuate the single gold standard, they say to the American people that they believe that the single standard is corrupt, but they favor bi-metallism by international agreement. They say the American people are incapable of free government, and must bow before the monarchs of Europe. They say that the American man should not vote to cut his wages in two. We know that if the corporations of this country believed that free silver would cut the laboringman's dollar in two, or if it would reduce it to a 10-cent dollar, every last one of them would be for it. Their sound money is so sound that the American laboringman has not heard the sound of it for, lo, these many moons. (Laughter and applause.)

"They say that under free silver the mine owner would get a dollar for 53 cents of silver, but when it gets to the workingman it is back to 53 cents again. (Laughter.) Any man with brains enough to grease a gimlet knows that they are lying at one end of their proposition at least, if not at both. (Laughter and applause.) Judging by their past records, the corporations will do nothing for you till you help yourselves. I appeal to you in the name of patriotism, in the name of the multiplied thousands of innocent children, hungry, sunken-eyed children, forced into factories and mines to take the places of men, in the name of thousands of women driven to crime and prostitution, to investigate these questions, and be sure when you mark your ballot that you do it to perpetuate free institutions and American liberty."

Mr. Kelliher closed by asking the people to vote for William J. Bryan as the representative of the cause of the people. He paid his respects to Governor Clough, who refused to speak at the Minneapolis Labor day exercises a year ago because Mr. Kelliher was to be there, and he did not want to occupy the same platform as a man who was just out of jail. This statement was received with yells and applause, and John Lind's name was heartily applauded. Mr. Kelliher stated that when Lind was in congress he and W. J. Bryan and a few others stood against the whole body in support of a bill compelling railroads to have safety appliances on their trains, and that Mr. Lind wrote to the speaker saying that labor could command his services at any time during his term in congress. He asked the audience to remember these things, and the crowd answered with applause and cries of "We will," "You bet," etc.

When Eugene V. Debs arose to speak there was literally a storm of applause which lasted fully three minutes. Mr. Debs has a striking personality, not at all consistent with the lurid pictures of the Anarchist Debs which have been drawn by his opponents. He is tall and slender and slightly stooped. His

smooth-shaven face is full of force of character. His firm jaw speaks of the will and energy which made him the leader of one of the greatest labor organizations in the world. His eyes are sharp and piercing, yet their expression is gentle and kind in the extreme. He is a forceful speaker. His talk last night was an elevating one and far from being anarchy. If any man ever preached Christianity and the brotherhood of man, those eternal doctrines were discussed by Eugene V. Debs. He was not sparing of those whom he considers the enemies of the people and of American institutions, but he preached no incendiary ideas. He asked the workers to be men, to think and to act like men, and to remedy their condition by the great but sure means of the ballot.

#### MR. DEBS' SPEECH.

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I regard the campaign fast drawing to a close as the most important political contest in the history of the country. I have faith in the intelligence, independence and patriotism of the American people, and I believe that on Nov. 3 American manhood will triumph over British gold. This is a campaign of the people. This meeting is significant, and it demonstrates to my satisfaction that the principles of liberty are not nearly extinct in the hearts of American freemen. This is more than a political movement. It is an uprising of the people. It is time for a change, and that is coming as certainly as the rivers find their way to the sea. Let us get together and forget parties for awhile, simply remembering that we are American citizens, the proudest title ever borne by any man on this earth. (Applause.) You and I and all of us love the republic and we are interested in the perpetuation of freedom.

"We have been branded as anarchists. Let us trace the compliment to its source. It comes from Wall street, whence our oppression also comes. Some of these days we are going to revise our dictionary and it will have a new definition for anarchy, and under the new definition I will be surprised if it does not embrace the managers of the Republican campaign. (Laughter and applause.) The man today who does not do something to draw upon himself the epithet of anarchist is an object of suspicion. (Laughter.) Anarchy and patriotism have become synonymous. The real anarchists are trying to press down upon the toiler's brow a crown of thorns.

"Just the other day a gentleman of the cloth espoused the cause of gold and with a hammer of gold drove one more nail in the body of a suffering people. Think of this follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene. Christ never deserted the poor. If he ever had a dollar history has yet to record it, and in this particular at least he does not resemble Archbishop Ireland. (Laughter and applause.) The American people are no longer doing their thinking by proxy. The average citizen is standing magnificently erect, and by straining one's vision ever so little one can see the first glimmer of the dawn of emancipation. Some

people view with alarm the unrest in our politics and prophesy the failure of free government. I believe that the good old ship of state will breast all billows, face all storms, finally reach the port of prosperity. (Applause.)

"In this campaign two parties are contending, one of which has repudiated the Declaration of Independence. It says that America is not able to legislate for itself. Over 100 years ago American independence was achieved. Today Bryan, Lind and Towne (tremendous applause,) as magnificent men as ever gave glory to American history, are fighting to achieve our financial independence. In the days of Washington there were those who hesitated, who said 'Let us have peace.' They were willing to sacrifice American independence for the sake of peace. Washington was an anarchist, Franklin was a demagogue. (Applause.) All the powers of plutocracy were arraigned against them. The same forces are arraigned today. They fought and passed into history. The fighters of today will pass into history.

"Some say that Bryan is going to fail. Bryan cannot fail. (Cheers.) His nomination was not of the Democratic party, it was ordained of the Almighty. (Applause.) His nomination was providential, and it is going to be ratified by an overwhelming majority of the American people next month. (Great applause.) Bryan was not born to defeat. (Applause.) He stands today where Lincoln stood in 1860. (Applause.) Lincoln, like Blaine was fresh from the loins of the people and was to the end of his life the sole proprietor of himself. His sad and sweet and tragic face has become a permanent benediction. I am just reminded that he said that God must have loved the poor because He made so many of them. (Laughter.) I am not prejudiced against the rich, but as between the rich and the poor I am for the poor, because the rich can take care of themselves.

#### NATURALLY GET RICH.

"A few men naturally become rich; they can't help it. Many naturally remain poor; they can't help it. If one has a superior brain he is entitled to no credit. If one gains a fortune he is entitled to no credit. If a brother is helpless and remains where he started he can't help it, and I have an idea that it is the duty of the man who gets more than he needs to help him. (Applause.) Men say that I am a dreamer, but it sometimes happens that the dreamer of one age is the philosopher of the next. gets least to show for it. I object to the conditions under which the man who The man who works hardest and longest does least gets all. That is something that appeals to all for correction. Wealth has accumulated in the hands of a few, by special legislation and special privilege. The theory of our government, according to Abraham Lincoln, is: 'Life is of more consequence than property. The man before the dollar.' We see today the words of the great Lincoln literally interpreted. We see the man before the